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The new Westland Parks and Recreation Director began work last month, immediately following confirmation of his appointment by members of the city council.

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Northville recruits Canton safety director

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Canton Township Director of Public Safety Todd Mutchler will be leaving his position to join the staff in Northville Township.

Northville Township Manager Chip Snider announced last Friday that Mutchler has agreed to become the Deputy Director of Police Services effective May 9. He will report directly to John Werth, director of public safety in Northville Township.

Mutchler will retire from Canton Township position, where he is paid $131,628 annually, on April 30.

Werth said that Mutchler was "a perfect fit" and called him "exceptional at all levels."

"Todd brings extensive experience and will add the necessary leadership and depth that will assist our transformation," Snider said in a prepared statement.

That transformation is due, Werth confirmed, to department retirements and attrition.

"Two lieutenants have recently retired and I have all new sergeants. I have a very young department," Werth said. "I am giving up the day-to day operations of the police department."

"John Werth and I have worked with Todd in the past and have the utmost respect for his experience and accomplishments," Snider said. "We have developed a trusted relationship that will enable us to cohesively manage the changes currently happening in the Public Safety Department."

Mutchler has been with the Canton Police Department for 28 years, starting as a patrolman. He has served at all leadership levels and became public safety director in 2012. He holds a masters degree in interdisciplinary technology from Eastern Michigan University where he also earned his bachelors degree in criminal justice. He graduated from the FBI Academy in 2014. He will be paid $114,000 annually as the deputy director in Northville Township.

Snider said that Mutchler has a breadth of perspective and experience and a solid background in building and maintaining strong relationships with

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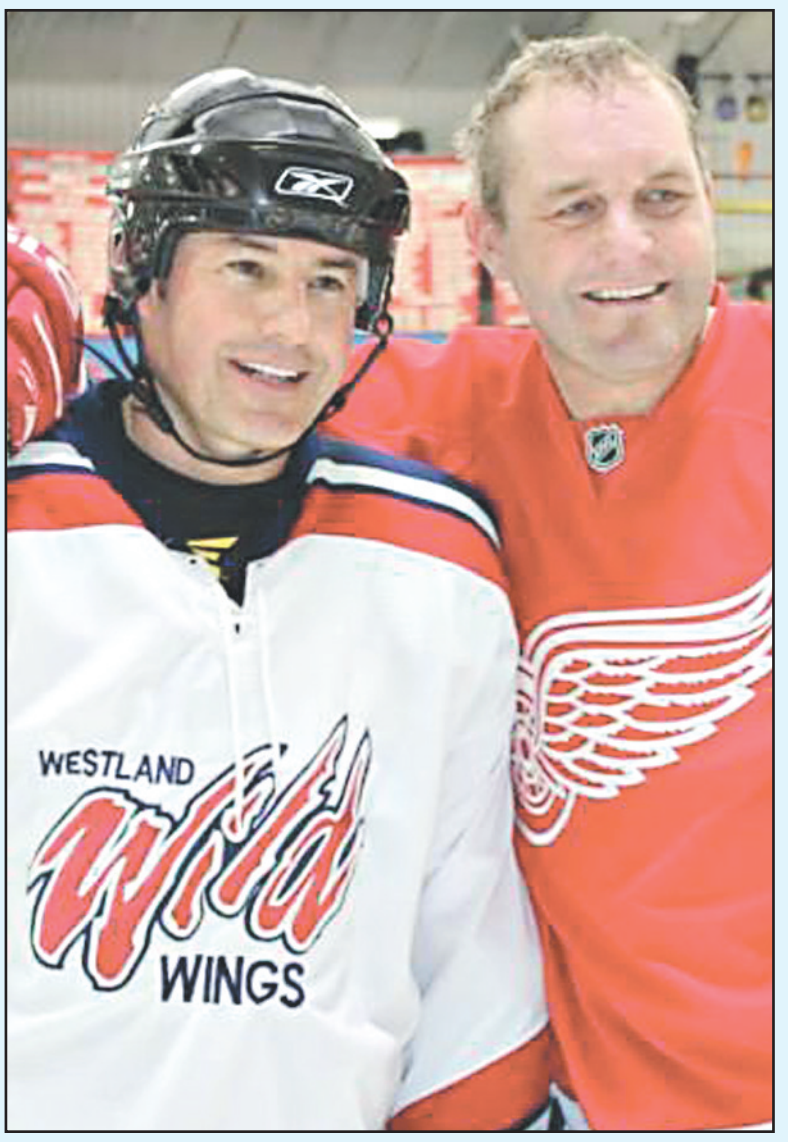

Westland Mayor William Wild, left, and former Red Wing Darren McCarty will face off again during the annual charity hockey game March 18.

Going Wild

Red Wings alumni will face off against mayor's team

Mayor William R. Wild and his Westland Wild Wings are once again getting ready to lace up their skates to challenge Darren McCarty and the Detroit Red Wing Alumni in the 7th Annual Hockey Night in Westland charity event.

The game will begin at 7 p.m. March 18 at the Mike Modano Ice Arena located at 6210 N. Wildwood in Westland. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

"This annual event draws more than 800 spectators and has raised thousands of dollars to benefit improvements to the Mike Modano Ice arena," said Wild.

The annual alumni game has turned into one of the most anticipated and popular events in the city, according to a prepared statement from Wild's office.

Tickets for the game are prices at $10 for adults and $5 for children. Those younger than 3 will be admitted at no cost.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at Wild's office in city hall, the Mike Modano Ice arena and North Brothers Ford.

Tickets are available online at http://westland.ticketleap.com/hockeynight/. Seating is limited.

Other activities planned for the evening include "score-o" and "chuck-a-puck." There will also be several raffles.

This year, as part of Westland's Compassionate City Initiative, Wild is asking event attendees continue to help out residents of Flint by bringing a water donation to the hockey game or a monetary donation in the form of a check made out to the City of Westland. Anyone who brings a donation will receive a ticket for a special raffle of a $50 visa card, sponsored by Parkside Dental.

For more information got to www.cityofwestland.com.

Township to take land deal to Supreme Court

> *If we win this, we would be taking property from the people of Detroit. I totally disagree with this. It (the property purchase) has stunk from day one and we all know it. It's time to move on.*

Despite losses in both Wayne County Circuit and the Michigan Court of Appeals, members of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees voted 3-2 last week to take their disputed claim on 190 acres of land to the Michigan Supreme Court.

To date, the township has spent more than $77,000 in legal fees pursuing their claim on the land, part of a 323-acre parcel that was once Detroit House of Corrections property. The township purchased the land at a Wayne County tax foreclosure sale in 2011 for $606,000 which was later ruled improper by the courts, as the land has belonged to the City of Detroit since 1919 and municipal land is exempt from foreclosure by state law.

That law and the additional argument of Detroit attorneys that the city had not received adequate notice of any tax delinquency was first upheld by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Robert Columbo, Jr. His ruling was staunchly upheld by a three-judge appeals court panel last month. The judges further upheld the state law exempting municipally-owned property from foreclosure, despite township attorney Kevin's Bennett's argument before Columbo that the law states the municipal land must be for public use to qualify for such an exemption. The appeals judges ordered the land returned to the City of Detroit.

A 133-acre portion of the Detroit-owned, 323-acre site on Five Mile, west of Ridge Road, was sold to a developer in 2006. Detroit retained title to the remaining 190 acres, the subject of the legal dispute. The large parcel was never correctly split into two sections according to township and county records and tax notices for the

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Fired superintendent will continue as consultant

The Van Buren Public Schools will pay terminated superintendent Michael Van Tassel $290,528 to finalize his contract with the district.

Van Tassel will also remain on the school payroll as a consultant for up to 10 hours a week as needed until Jan. 31, 2017. His work as a consultant will be completed off-site but he could be called to the district officers if interim superintendent Shonta Langford-Green determines he is needed.

Langford-Green was named as the interim replacement for Van Tassel at a heated meeting of the members of the board of education last week. She is the Human Resources Director for the district and will continue in that capacity while being paid an extra $100 per day as the interim schools chief.

While the termination of Van Tassel met with vocal approval from the assembled crowd at the meeting, the appointment of Langford-Green was not favored by everyone. Some members of the audience suggested that Langford-Green had been supporting Van Tassel and that the teachers and administrators may not have confidence in her ability to change the environment in the district schools.

Barbara Rogalle Miller told the board members that Langford-Green had been part of the administration in which the community had no confidence and suggested that the board members contact the Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) which, she said, has a roster of qualified educators who will take on short-term superintendent assignments.

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Giving hope
Women's group aids local charities

They "passed the purse" and helped provide fresh hams to 510 of their neighbors just in time for the holidays last year.

Members of the Women's Giving Circle collected more than $500 for the Open Door Food Pantry in Canton Township during their winter social meeting last December. The funds were donated to the Open Door Food Pantry in Canton which, according to Director Steve Parr, has "been able to distribute over 1.1 million pounds of food to an average of 444 families each week."

"Giving Hope, the Women's Giving Circle, is composed of women from the local community who care about the people in the Canton and Plymouth communities," said Giving Hope Advisory Board Chair Cynthia Kabza Vercruysse. "They are deeply committed and volunteer in a variety of ways with local organizations in addition to Giving Hope," she added.

In addition, the group awarded a total of $12,500 in grants to four Plymouth Canton organizations recently.

The Community Literacy Council received a $3,000 grant to support tutor training; the Michigan Philharmonic Symphony was awarded $500 to help support the Celebration Youth Orchestra; the Michigan Women's Foundation received $1,000 to support the Enough SAID campaign, and the Plymouth Canton Community School District was awarded $8,000 to support the Students Helping Homeless Students project.

The student organization will work with the Journey to Housing program of St. Vincent de Paul to collect enough funding to provide housing for one or two local families in need, a spokesperson said.

"The depth of knowledge our advisory board members and members at large have about the needs in the community is a significant asset to our work," Kabza Vercruysse added.

Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle is a part of the Canton Community Foundation, which provides grants to address the needs of women and children in the greater Canton and Plymouth area. Approximately 75 women comprise the Giving Circle," which aspires to make a positive community impact through philanthropy," she said.

For more information about the group, visit www.cantonfoundation.org/giving-hope/.

Police plan Partners in Safety meeting at Summit

An informational meeting regarding the new Partners in Your Safety program of the Canton Police Department will take place at 7 p.m. April 13 at the Summit on the Park.

The meeting will also include a crime prevention presentation that meets the one of the primary goals of the new program.

The program is designed to build a partnership with law enforcement and neighborhoods, promoting problem solving and creating safer neighborhoods.

Partners in Your Safety will empower individual neighborhoods with the resources and tools necessary to succeed in creating a safe community, according to Ofc. Patty Esselink of the Canton Police Department. Participating neighborhoods will have the opportunity to achieve accreditation status upon completion of the program requirements.

The involvement of individuals residing in each neighborhood is vital to the success of the program, Esselink said in a prepared statement.

"As residents become more involved, they will become aware of incidents and issues occurring in their neighborhoods. In turn, they will be able to move in a direction of crime reduction and prevention, with the guidance and assistance of the Canton Police Department," she said in the statement.

For additional information, or to start the program in a neighborhood, contact Esselink at (734) 394-5194 or by email at communityrelations@canton-mi.org.

Smoke detectors credited in saving lives during fire

Canton Township firefighters were able to quickly extinguish a house fire reported at about 4:50 a.m. last Friday.

When firefighters arrived at the home on the 43000 block of Fleetwood, they observed smoke and fire from a second story bedroom, according to official reports of the incident.

They were advised by a resident of the home that everyone was out of the house, having been alerted by smoke detectors. Firefighters entered the home where they encountered heavy smoke on the second floor near the apparent source of the fire in a child's bedroom, according to reports.

The fire was quickly extinguished and the occupants, including the baby from the room where the fire started, were not injured.

Officials said that the fire remains under investigation but is believed to be accidental in nature.

In a prepared release, officials reminded residents of the importance of having working smoke detectors in their homes and noted that assistance regarding the placement of detectors is available from the Fire Prevention Division at (734) 394-5456.

Winter markets to open

The Canton Farmers Market will return with special Winter Markets in March and April at the Summit on the Park community recreation center. The markets will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 20, and April 17, in the Banquet Lobby in the Summit on the Park, located on 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

"We're hoping that all of our Winter Markets will be fun destinations for families and individuals who value healthy, local food options and who are looking for a bright spot during the cold winter months," said Canton Recreation Coordinator Jennifer Provenzano. "With our winter location inside the Summit on the Park, you can stay cozy while you shop for items that you can't find at regular supermarket."

More than a dozen vendors will be onsite offering a wide assortment of Michigan-grown and made products, including: honey, produce, baked goods, jams, artisan cheese and breads, farm-raised meats, and hand crafted items.

The new season of the outdoor Canton Farmers Market will re-open on Sunday, May 15, and will continue every Sunday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. through Oct. 16 in Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge Road, Canton.

For additional Canton Farmers Market information, visit www.canton-mi.org/496 or contact the Farmers Market Manager at cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org.

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the community.

"That continues the values and commitment of the Northville Public Safety Department," Snider said.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings –February 23, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, LaJoy, Sneideman, Yack Members Absent: McLaughlin, Williams, Staff Present: Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Director Faas, Director Mutchler, Director Trumbull, Kristin Kolb, Greg Hohenberger, Jon LaFever **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Anthony to remove Item G-8 Consider Approval of a Private Road Easement Agreement with Plymouth Christian Fellowship and amend the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the Board Minutes of February 9, 2016 as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments:** None **Payment of Bills** Motion by Bennett, supported by Yack to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **RECOGNITION: Resolution Recognizing Canton Leisure Services Summit Staff. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Recognition of Summit on the Park Employees Whereas,** the Leisure Services Department recognizes the importance of having trained staff to handle emergency situations and uphold our mission of providing a safe environment for all guests. **Whereas,** on November 6, 2015, the Leisure Services' emergency action plan was activated when a guest was observed to be in need of medical attention in the Men's Aquatic Locker Room. Summit staff immediately responded and discovered the victim to be unconscious in a restroom stall. Simultaneously a 911 call was made and all pool areas were evacuated as lifeguards responded to the emergency. **Whereas,** Building Attendant Steve Robb worked to unlock the stall door so that the victim could be pulled from this space. As the victim did not have a pulse, the lifeguard team of Brad Chiasson, Sorin Oprican, Nick Dehetre, Devin McCafferty, Alex Petrarca, Lisa Ryan and Nicole Saval immediately went into action performing two cycles of chest compressions and giving ventilations. The Automatic External Defibrillator was then applied to analyze the victim's heart rhythm, which indicated a shock was necessary. The shock was administered and the lifeguards continued three additional cycles of CPR until Canton Fire EMS arrived and assumed control of the scene. **Whereas,** because of our staff's quick actions, ability to assess the need for CPR and an AED, and performance of their lifesaving skills, the life of the Summit guest was saved. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton upon recommendation of the Director of Leisure Services, does hereby recognize these Leisure Services employees for their outstanding service, life-saving actions, and commendable contribution to the Canton Community. **PUBLIC HEARING: Public Hearing For Busch's, Inc., For A New Class C License With Sunday Sales Permit (AM & PM), Outdoor Service Permit, And SDM License Located At 225 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, 48188, Canton Township, Wayne County (Clerk)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to open the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. to consider the request for a for a New Class C License with Sunday Sales Permit (AM & PM), Outdoor Service Permit, and SDM License Located At 225 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, 48188, Canton Township, Wayne County, for Busch's, Inc. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman close the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m. to consider the request for a for a New Class C License with Sunday Sales Permit (AM & PM), Outdoor Service Permit, and SDM License Located At 225 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, 48188, Canton Township, Wayne County, for Busch's, Inc. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the request for a for a New Class C License with Sunday Sales Permit (AM & PM), Outdoor Service Permit, and SDM License Located At 225 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, 48188, Canton Township, Wayne County, for Busch's, Inc. "above all others". Motion carried by all members present. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item C-1. Consider Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to appoint Mr. Greg Greco to the Zoning Board of Appeals, (term to expire February 28, 2019). Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-2. Consider Payment of Annual GIS Software Maintenance Fees to ESRI (Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc.) (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to authorize the annual payment to ESRI for Software Maintenance and Support from March 2016 to March 2017, for a total cost not-to-exceed of $25,600. Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-3. Consider Acceptance of Grant Funds from the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to accept the grant funds from the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan for the B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center program *Lead #LikeAGirl* in the amount of $10,000. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the following budget amendments: Increase Revenues: 101-691-62.539 State Grants $10,000 Increase Expenses: 101-691-62.740 Operating Supplies $10,000 Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-4. Lease Renewal for Sheldon School. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the renewal of the lease with Starfish Family Services for the use of Sheldon School as a Head Start site, for a five year term beginning January 1, 2016 and ending on December 31, 2020. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item G-1. Approval of Compensation of the Human Resources Manager (Personnel Director to Merit Commission) as required by Merit Ordinance No. 85. (Supv)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the compensation of Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, at Salary 10, Step 8 $101,360.00 annually; effective March 14, 2016. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-2. Consider First Reading of an Amendment to Appendix A- Zoning of the Code of Ordinances for the Cisman Rezoning. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to introduce and hold the first reading of the proposed amendment to Appendix A-Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton for the Cisman Rezoning as provided in the attached ordinance. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to table consideration of the zoning map amendment for a second reading on March 22, 2016. Motion carried by all members present. A copy of the complete text of this Ordinance is available at the Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI., 48188, during regular business hours. The approved text of the Amendment will be published in the Canton Eagle/Associated Newspaper within the meeting minute's synopsis of the date of approval. A complete copy of the Ordinances for Canton Township is available at www.canton-mi.org. **Item G-3. Consider Approval to Authorize Distribution of a Proposed Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for Review and Comments. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to deny authorization of distribution of a proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan for the subject parcel at this time, and direct staff and the Planning Commission to evaluate this area for potential adjustments during the 5-year Comprehensive Plan plan update in 2017. Motion carried by all members present. Trustee Yack commented on the zoning of several parcels in that same area. He asked will a sewer study be required. Director Faas replied any change to the future land use plan would require a redo of the 2012 Sewer Plan. As comprehensive updates to the 5 year plan are done, analysis of the sewer system are included. Historically the sewer in this area has always come back at or above capacity. This sewer that serves this site is part of the Relief Sewer project that was done in the past few years. Clerk Bennett asked if this would require us to change our state permit. Director Faas replied no. Trustee Sneideman asked when next year's review would start. Director Faas replied the date has not been determined yet. **Item G-4. Consider Final Approval of the Planned Development, Approval of a Variance to the Condominium Ordinance, and Approval of the Preliminary Site Plan for Grandview Estates. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Final Approval of the Planned Development, Approval of a Variance to the Condominium Ordinance, and Approval of the Preliminary Site Plan for Grandview Estates Site Condominium WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor has requested Final approval for the Grandview Estates Planned Development, located south of Geddes Road between Denton and Barr Roads on parcel nos. 121-99-0012-000, 121-99-0013-000, 121-99-0014-000, 121-99-0015- 001(part), 121-99-0015-002(part), 121-99-0024-002, 121-99-0025-000, 121-99-0026-000, 121-99-0027-000, 121-99-0028-000, 121-99-0030, 121-99-0032-000, 121-99-0033-000, 121-99-0034-000, and 121-99-0038-702 (part) ; and, **WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor has also requested a variance to Section 82-127(b) of the Condominium Ordinance relative to maximum block length and approval of the Preliminary Site Plan for Grandview Estates Site Condominium; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval, subject to providing a landscaped buffer around the Duff property on Geddes Road, based on the findings that the proposed planned development is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan; and, **WHEREAS,** the Board has reviewed the proposed development and determines the proposal to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendations attached hereto and made a part hereof. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby grant final approval of the Grandview Estates Planned Development, approval of the variance to Section 82-127(b) of the Condominium Ordinance relative to maximum block length, and approval of the Preliminary Site Plan for Grandview Estates Site Condominium, as provided in the development agreement, site plans and supporting exhibits attached hereto, subject to providing a landscaped buffer around the Duff property on Geddes Road on the final site plan. **Item G-5. Consider Preliminary Approval of the Site Plan for Oak Creek Estates. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Preliminary Site Plan for Oak Creek Estates WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor, Mr. Michael Priest, has requested preliminary site plan approval for Oak Creek Estates to be located on Warren Road between Beck and Ridge Roads, identified as tax EDP #019-99-0020-701; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Michael Priest, to approve the preliminary site plan for the proposed Oak Creek Estates subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **Item G-6. Consider Site Plan Approval for The Shops of Canton. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Shops of Canton WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor, Mr. Frank Jarbou, has requested site plan approval for the Shops of Canton to be located on Ford Road between Lilley and Haggerty Roads, identified as tax EDP # 053-99-0005-003 and 053-99-0013-004; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval, with conditions, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Frank Jarbou, to approve the site plan for the proposed Shops of Canton conditioned upon the applicant submitting a final foundation planting plan to be reviewed and approved by staff as tenants are finalized and subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **Item G-7. Consider First Reading of an Amendment to Appendix A-Zoning of the Code of Ordinances for the Unified Communities Federal Credit Union Rezoning. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to introduce and hold the first reading of the proposed amendment to Appendix A-Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton for the Unified Community Federal Credit Union property as provided in the attached ordinance. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to table consideration of the zoning map amendment for a second reading on March 22, 2016. Motion carried by all members present. A copy of the complete text of this Ordinance is available at the Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI., 48188, during regular business hours. The approved text of the Amendment will be published in the Canton Eagle/Associated Newspaper within the meeting minute's synopsis of the date of approval. A complete copy of the Ordinances for Canton Township is available at www.canton-mi.org. **Item G-8. Item Deleted Item G-9. Consider Award of Contract for the Spring 2016 Street Tree Planting Program to Crimboli Nursery. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to award a contract for street tree planting and watering for the Spring 2016 Tree Planting Program to Crimboli Nursery for a total amount not-to-exceed $20,000.00. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Street Tree Maintenance and Planting on County Roads WHEREAS;** street tree maintenance and planting on county roads is a community priority; and **WHEREAS;** Wayne County has agreed to allow streetscape maintenance and improvements to be performed on county roads within rights-of-way provided the community agrees to maintain and indemnify Wayne County relative to installation of the plantings: **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** The Charter Township of Canton agrees to: maintain the permitted tree planting at no expense to Wayne County; fulfill all permit obligations and conditions; indemnify, hold harmless and defend Wayne County and its officials and employees against all damage claims, suits or judgments of any kind or nature arising as a result of the permitted activity; and designates and authorizes the Municipal Services Director to sign the permit on behalf of the Township. **Item G-10. Consider Award of Contract for the Spring 2016 USFS Tree Planting Program to Crimboli Nursery. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to award the contract for street tree planting and watering for the Spring 2016 Tree Planting Program to Crimboli Nursery for a total not-to-exceed $13,000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-11. Consider Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne County for the Paving of Lotz Road. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve Amendment No 1 to the Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne County and further, I move to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the amendment on behalf of Canton Township. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-12. Consider Authorization of the 2016 Compensation Schedule with Huron Valley Ambulance for Senior Transportation and Approve PO Increase. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to authorize the 2016 Compensation schedule with Huron Valley Ambulance and approve increasing the HVA PO #862 from $440,899.72 to $448,761.00. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-13. Consider Authorization of Liberty Fest Fireworks Agreement. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to authorize a 5-year fireworks display contract with an annual opt-out clause for any reason by Canton Township beginning in 2016 with ACE Pyro, LLC, P.O. Box 2, Manchester, MI 48158 in the amount of $25,000 annually to be taken from account #101-691-59.801_0070 (Recreation Special Events Professional and Contractual Svc.) pending approval of the final contract language by the Township Attorney. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-14. Consider Installing a Security Access System to the Gun Range. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the installation of the proposed DSX security access system to the police department's gun range facility from Interstate Security, Inc., in the amount of $22,670, utilizing funds in the 2016 Police budget. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-15. Budget Amendments for the Carryover of FY2015 Open Purchase Orders to FY2016. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the following 2016 budget amendment increases for purchase order commitments carried over from 2015: General Fund (101) increase of $119,486; Police Fund (207) increase of $21,649; Community Center Fund (208) increase of $2,404; Community Improvement Fund (246) increase of $93,141; CDBG Fund (274) increase of $21,182; NSP Fund (276) increase of $625,587; Capital Projects (401) increase of $15,659; Capital Projects-Water & Sewer (402) increase of $152,333; Capital Projects-Roads (403) increase of $540,864; Water & Sewer Fund (592) increase of $203,510. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-16. Approve IT Services – Email Archive Change. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Anthony to approve the purchase of supplemental email archiving licensing within the Township's Office 365 email installation in an amount not to exceed $18,600. Motion carried by all members present. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** George Miller, 1946 Briarfield, questioned where the funds for the gate on the gun range will come from. He requested our Police Department control access to the gun range. He asked about the future use plans for the dump site behind L. Georges. **OTHER:** None **ADJOURN:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. _____ **Terry G. Bennett, Clerk**

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval. Publish: March 3, 2016

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PLYMOUTH

Police contract arbitration continues

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township police officers continue to work without a union agreement, a situation that has continued since their contract expired in December 2014.

During the 14 months since that time, the township and the Police Officers of Michigan (POAM) have been unable to reach an agreement through negotiations or mediation. Contract negotiations began in August of 2014 but those talks failed and the police union filed for state mediation, which began in September of 2015. State Mediator Robert Strassberg agreed that negotiations were hopelessly deadlocked after three sessions, with no agreement on health care and retirement benefits. Strassberg agreed that the inability of the township and the union to reach any consensus left binding arbitration as the only option for the 38 member department.

The case has been assigned to state arbitrator Stanley Dobry.

Union representatives and township negotiators have made no comment about the ongoing stalemate due to the pending legal arbitration proceedings although sources close to the situation claim that the township has delayed the contract for an unprecedented amount of time and that the officers are being treated unfairly.

"They wanted to get arbitration…we're in the middle of arbitration," said Township Supervisor Shannon Price.

> *We're trying to move it forward, and we're not that far apart.*
>
> **Township Supervisor Shannon Price**

Price was hesitant to answer questions about the long expired contract and the related union talks but defended the township's tactics, emphasizing, "We're, not stalling."

"We're trying to move it forward, and we're not that far apart."

The township officials who make up the negotiation team include Price, Township Treasurer Ron Edwards, Clerk Nancy Conzelman and Troy attorney Gregory Schultz of Schultz & Young. Schultz represents Plymouth Township in collective bargaining for the police and fire departments.

In addition to the 21 rank and file officers POAM also represents 10 township dispatchers. The four department sergeants are considered command officers and part of the bargaining unit. They are represented by the Command Officers Association of Michigan (COAM). Contract negotiations for the command officers and dispatchers have been previously settled. The police chief and two lieutenants are not union employees.

Township Ofc. Steve Coffel is the department POAM union representative.

Price said he was new to union negotiations.

"I got sworn in on a Monday and Tuesday we had a meeting with POAM."

The basic issues in most public safety negotiations are wages, health care and retirement benefits. Plymouth Township issues are no different.

"We're trying to negotiate with the police union to address long-term cost, like pension and retiree health care and we're not that far apart...we'll be done by May." Price said.

The proposed 2016 budget for the police department is $3,900,000.

Lawsuit - Board agrees to take appeal of property lawsuit to state Supreme Court

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property went to the purchaser of the smaller section . That developer never paid any taxes on any of the property and the township subsequently sent notices of that non-payment to Wayne County which eventually foreclosed on the entire 323-acre site. The land was then offered for sale to the state, which by law has the right of first refusal, and then to the township. Plymouth Township immediately purchased the land, once on the tax rolls at more than $15 million, for $606,000 plus back taxes, estimated at another $100,000.

Trustees Bob Doroshewitz and Chuck Curmi voted against spending any further legal fees, estimated at $10,000 to create a leave to appeal brief, in an attempt to overturn the court decisions while Supervisor Shannon Price, Clerk Nancy Conzelman and Trustee Mike Kelly voted in favor of continuing the legal battle. Treasurer Ron Edwards and Trustee Steve Mann, called the "architects" of the land deal, were not at the special meeting Monday.

Price told the board members that the township would be walking away from more than $220,000 if no further appeal of the court decisions were authorized.

Doroshewitz, a practicing attorney, strongly disagreed and suggested the township should accept the court decisions.

> *Deputy Treasurer Eric Sabree re-affirmed the statements Wayne County attorney Jacob Ghannam recited in the circuit court trial before Columbo, disavowing any error on the part of the treasurer's office in the matter.*

"If we win this, we would be taking property from the people of Detroit. I totally disagree with this. It (the property purchase) has stunk from day one and we all know it. It's time to move on," he said.

Cox said that the continued legal wrangling would keep pressure on Wayne County and attorneys at the City of Detroit during negotiations for a return of taxes paid by the township on the land. The appeals court decision precludes the county from collecting any back taxes from the City of Detroit, Cox said. He insisted that filing for a hearing before the state Supreme Court would put pressure on the City of Detroit and Wayne County to reach a settlement agreement and refund taxes to Plymouth Township.

State Supreme Court Justice Brian Zahara presided over Price's ceremonial swearing-in at his first board of trustees meeting as supervisor last April. Justice Stephen J. Markham was previously an attorney with Miller-Canfield, Paddock and Stone, based in Detroit, where Trustee Steve Mann is now employed.

Despite Price's opening comments contending that it was Wayne County that sent the tax notices and set the foreclosure and subsequent tax sale of the land, spokesmen from the office of the Wayne County Treasurer have repeatedly stated that their actions in the tax notifications, foreclosure proceedings and subsequent tax sale were based solely on information and records provided by Plymouth Township and that the county has no legal exposure in the matter. Deputy Treasurer Eric Sabree re-affirmed the statements Wayne County attorney Jacob Ghannam recited in the circuit court trial before Columbo, disavowing any error on the part of the treasurer's office in the matter.

Bennett claims that the developer who purchased the 133-acre parcel had an agreement with Detroit to file the land-split documentation, and that the township acted in good faith in the purchase of the land at the tax sale.

Detroit attorneys disputed that claim in their court filings, however, and suggested that the township was culpable in "engineering" the mailing of tax notices to the incorrect owner and then to the incorrect address in an effort to benefit from "a windfall" at the expense of the City of Detroit.

Cox, however, claims that the City of Detroit is being "unfairly enriched" at the expense of Plymouth Township which paid taxes on the land as part of the foreclosure sale purchase and since that time.

Staff Writer Don Howard contributed to this story.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Charter Township of Canton, Division of Public Works within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to Charter Township of Canton, Division of Public Works, 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, Michigan 48188. Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Division of Public Works at 734/394-5150 for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 17, 2016 for the following:

PRINTING SERVICES FOR THE 2016 SPRING/SUMMER SHOPCANTON GUIDE

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE TO PUBLIC
BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton the March Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing to or in writing to the Board of Review. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 16, 2016 by 9:00 p.m.

The following is the schedule for March Board of Review.

Tuesday, March 8, 2016	Organizational Meeting - 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (No Appointments)
Monday, March 14, 2016	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Tuesday, March 15, 2016	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Wednesday, March 16, 2016	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

Please be advised that after 4:30 p.m. entry to the building can only be accessed through the front entrance of the Township Hall.

To schedule an appointment or if you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review you may call the Assessor's Office at 734-394-5111.

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Charter Township of Canton Township

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INVITATION TO BID

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RIDGE ROAD WATER MAIN - HDD INSTALLATION

Bid documents may be obtained at the office of the engineer, Stantec Consulting Michigan Inc., 3754 Ranchero Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108. Document request shall indicate whether the request is by: prospective bidder, prospective subcontractor, prospective supplier, or other. Bid documents are available for a nonrefundable fee of $20 in electronic format (CD).

Any questions regarding the project shall be brought to the attention of Mr. Brian Simons at Stantec Consulting Michigan Inc., in writing by email at brian.simons@stantec.com or by fax at (734) 761-1200.

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ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

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Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

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Plymouth

Library now offers range of digital rentals

The Plymouth District Library is now offering free access to thousands of movies, television shows, music, eBooks, audiobooks and comics, all available for mobile and online access through a new partnership with hoopla digital.

At hoopladigital.com, Plymouth card holders will be able to select up to four offerings per month from thousands of titles for instant streaming or temporary downloading to their smartphones, tablets or computers. Users can now download the free hoopla digital mobile app on their Android or iOS device. Plymouth library cards are available free to residents of the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

"Our customers will be thrilled at the selection of movies, TV shows, music and more with hoopla," explained Carol Souchock, library director. "We encourage our library cardholders to stop in and learn more about this great new service." For assistance on how to download hoopla digital to a specific device, the library encourages users to stop in for help or to call the library at (734) 453-0750, ext. 4.

The Plymouth library is the 34th library system in the State of Michigan to partner with hoopla digital. Current partners include Jackson District Library, Kent District Library, Kalamazoo Public Library, East Lansing Public Library and many others.

Libraries across North America have been working with hoopla digital, a category-creating service to provide online and mobile access to this vast collection of popular entertainment. This service is one among many of Midwest Tape - a trusted partner to public libraries for 25 years.

"With this amazing product, it is our mission to empower the evolution of public libraries while helping them to meet the needs of the mobile generation. We've worked for years to create a service that is fun, fast and reliable. We will continue to secure content deals to expand our offering of popular and niche movies, TV shows, music, eBooks, audiobooks, and comics," said Jeff Jankowski, founder and owner of hoopla digital.

The library is located at 223 South Main St. in Plymouth.

Tuned in

Fife & Drum Corps to perform at festival

Members of the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps will perform at the annual music conference, Freezer Jam, this Saturday, March 5.

In the 21st year, Freezer Jam brings together fife and drum corps from across the Midwest for a day of learning, sharing, and community. This year, the event is hosted by musicians of Great Lakes Ancient Field Musick at Siena Heights University in Adrian. A free concert open to the public will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be the first performance of The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps 2016 season.

For more information about the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps performance season, or to book a performance, visit www.pfdc.us or contact the public relations chair, Robin Hawman at (734) 983-8804 or at pfdcpublicrelations @gmail.com.

Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps is made up of students age 12 - 18 from Plymouth and surrounding communities. Practicing year round, the members are dedicated to preserving the ancient arts of color guard, fifing, and drumming, according to the group's website.

They average 40-50 live performances annually that include parades, patriotic celebrations and civic events throughout Michigan, Ohio, and Canada, and a week-long, summer tour to perform at historical landmarks in New England.

Annual museum event to honor donor Margaret Dunning

The annual Plymouth Historical Museum event, "A Night FOR the Museum," is planned for Saturday, March 12, at the Fox Hills Golden Fox.

The event this year will celebrate Margaret Dunning, the major benefactor of the museum, who died last year at the age of 104.

"Margaret lived here on Penniman Avenue in the same house since she was a teenager," said Museum Director Liz Kerstens. Dunning paid for the original museum building in the early 1970s and then donated the funding for the addition that was built in early 2000.

"She was devoted to preserving the history of this community and she charged the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum to maintain the museum as a vibrant and welcoming place for visitors," Kerstens said. "We do not receive government funding of any kind, so we work very hard with the gala and other events to ensure that we are able to continue the work Margaret started."

More than 100 volunteers give their time and talents at the museum for everything from maintenance, exhibits, archives, education, and as guides.

"We even receive donations from former Plymouth residents who now live in other parts of the country," Kerstens said. "They still feel a connection to the community and its history. Plymouth is just that kind of place."

Community businesses have donated a generous number of items for the raffle and live auction that will take place at the gala. Some of the most unique and exciting live auction items include a personal visit from Santa Claus, a princess party, Carrie Underwood tickets, "really good" Detroit Tigers tickets, a ride on a fire truck in the Plymouth 4th of July Parade, and a private tea at the Markham/Wilcox House.

Tickets to "A Night FOR the Museum" are still available by calling (734) 455-8940 or online at http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events/A-Night-FOR-the Museum_ET118.html?SortBox=201603

The evening will also include raffles, a spirited live auction, socializing, hors d'oeuvres, libations, music and dancing.

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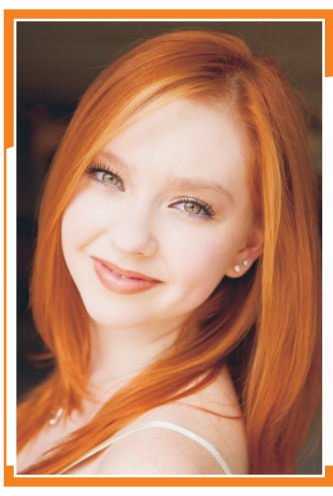
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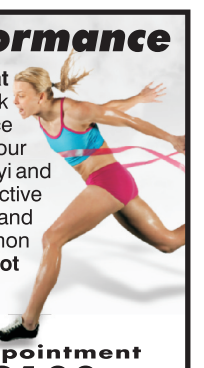
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Special guest
Legislator visits high school

State Rep. Erika Geiss made a special visit to Romulus High School during Legislator to Lunch Week earlier this month.

Giess visited the school Feb. 19, prompted by Romulus Community Schools Food Service Director Kathleen Norred. The School Nutrition Association of Michigan encourages the partnership between schools and government officials in an effort to establish an on-going relationship for dialog around the issue of child nutrition programs.

During the four lunch periods at Romulus High School, Geiss was able to speak with students about the variety of healthy lunch options that are offered, in addition to being engaged in their community.

"I loved the visit to Romulus High School. It is a great way to interact with students and to hear about some of their concerns and future goals. We need to ensure that funding is secure in our public schools so that students have nutritional options," Geiss said.

Romulus High School offers multiple food stations on a daily basis that include lean proteins, fresh fruits and vegetables, and made-to-order deli sandwiches.

"This provides us an opportunity to dispel rumors of what some believe school lunch is. It allows us to highlight the healthy meal options we offer our students and provides insight to the public," Norred said.

In addition to sharing lunch with Geiss, Norred was also able to show her the Romulus Community Schools lunch mobile app, which features daily lunch menus and nutritional facts at www.romulus.nutrislice.com.

Student Shanel Defoe, left, State. Rep. Erika Geiss, student Steve Dalumo, Food Service Director Kathy Norred and student Kingsley Enenchukwu have a laugh during the legislator's visit to Romulus High School recently.

State Rep. Erika Geiss and Food Service Director Kathleen Norred, downloaded the Romulus Community Schools lunch mobile app during Geiss recent visit.

State Rep. Erika Geiss took time to speak with student David Lipscomb during her recent visit to Romulus High School.

City allocates grant funding for area parks

A park expansion project may highlight the work completed under the 2016/2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in Romulus.

Members of the city council unanimously approved about $170,000 in expenditures for the 2016/2017 program during their regular meeting last week. It's about the same amount as the city had available last year, according to Tim Keyes, development director for the City of Romulus.

The Community Development Block Grants are federal funds available through the Housing and Urban Development department. They are administered through Wayne County, and available to pay for programs or projects that directly benefit low to moderate income families or provide funding to improve areas where 51 percent of the residents are in the low to moderate income bracket. The funds are typically used for everything from infrastructure improvements, recreation projects to upgrading deteriorating houses or meeting the needs of elderly or disabled residents.

The $170,000 is an estimate at this point, according to Keyes. The city can spend 10 percent - about $17,000 - on administration and 15 percent - about $25,200 - on services for senior citizens.

"The rest of it we try to match up with projects in the city," said Keyes.

The city has allocated $5,000 for housing rehabilitation, $73,600 for demolition or remediation of blighted areas and about $52,500 for parks and recreation facilities, according to Keyes.

"We're not building any new parks; we're hoping to expand on one of our existing parks," he said.

Tournament is planned

A youth sports basketball tournament is headed for the Booker Dozier Recreation Complex in Inkster this spring.

The North American Youth Sports organization will host the annual spring youth basketball tournament in Inkster from April 8 through 10, according to an announcement from the group. The tournament will also utilize some other Inkster locations, the announcement said.

The tournament will include 10 brackets for players divided by school grade levels and sex including 5th and 6th grade boys and 5th and 6th grade girls; 7th grade boy; 7th grade girls; 8th grade boys; 8th grade girls; 9th and 10th grade boys; 9th and 10th grade girls; 11th and 12th grade boys and 11th and 12th grade girls. All divisions are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled for the 2015-1016 school year, officials said.

The entry fee is $145 and guarantees each team a minimum of three games and awards will be presented to winners in each bracket.

Entries will only be accepted until March 25.

For additional information or an entry form, call 1-800-352-5915 or tournament director Craig Lewis at (734) 377-5154 or visit www.northamericanyouthsports.org.

LEGAL NOTICE

1954 PA 188 PROCEEDINGS
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING

Charter Township of Plymouth
Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes a road paving project in the Hunters Creek Subdivision and to create a Special Assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement:

The proposed improvements to the existing two-lane concrete roadway with integral curb and gutter shall consist of complete and/or partial pavement and curb replacement, sub-base and subgrade preparation, and miscellaneous driveway work, sidewalk ramp, drainage structure modification or subgrade underdrain installation, which may be needed to facilitate the replacement of concrete road pavement only, or as required by County of Wayne. It is understood that this is primarily a road maintenance project and therefore any drainage problems existing prior to the project will not be corrected except where said modification is necessary to protect the life of the road pavement. Existing water problems, such as standing water, etc., outside of the roadway will not be resolved by this program. It is further understood that this alternate, if permitted by the County of Wayne, could be subject to special conditions dependent upon the findings of the soils investigation report, existing subsurface conditions, etc. The project commences at the north right-of-way line of Powell Road, and proceeds northerly and then westerly along Hunters Creek Drive approximately 2,200 feet to the west limit of SAD (west limit of Lot 14). The project also includes Hunters Creek Court commencing at the intersection of Hunters Creek Drive and proceeding westerly approximately 450 feet to its point of termination.

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed:

The district limits for frontage along Hunters Creek Drive and Hunters Creek Court consists of Lots 1 through 10 and Lots 12 through 28 of Hunters Creek Subdivision, all located in the Southeast ¼ of Section 29, T.1S, R.8E, of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on **Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, Michigan 48170**, for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District, and the assessment thereon. All persons may then and there appear and make any objections they may have to such improvement and assessment. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing, or may file an appearance or protest by letter. All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans, specifications, estimates of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of **$314,425.00.**

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

Nancy Conzelman
Charter Township of Plymouth
9955 North Haggerty Road
Plymouth, Michigan 48170
(734) 354-3224

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LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING

Charter Township of Plymouth
Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes a road paving project in the Deer Creek Subdivision and to create a Special Assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement:

The proposed improvements to the existing two-lane concrete roadway with integral curb and gutter shall consist of complete and/or partial pavement and curb replacement, sub-base and subgrade preparation, and miscellaneous driveway work, sidewalk ramp, drainage structure modification or subgrade underdrain installation, which may be needed to facilitate the replacement of concrete road pavement only, or as required by County of Wayne. It is understood that this is primarily a road maintenance project and therefore any drainage problems existing prior to the project will not be corrected except where said modification is necessary to protect the life of the road pavement. Existing water problems, such as standing water, etc., outside of the roadway will not be resolved by this program. It is further understood that this alternate, if permitted by the County of Wayne, could be subject to special conditions dependent upon the findings of the soils investigation report, existing subsurface conditions, etc. The project commences at the north right-of-way line of Powell Road, and proceeds northerly along Deer Creek Circle (entrance boulevard portion) approximately 220 feet to the intersection of Deer Creek Circle/ Deer Creek Run, then continues to proceed along Deer Creek Circle northeasterly, northerly, northwesterly, and southwesterly around the circle road approximately 2,320 feet to the intersection of Buck Run Drive, then proceeds southerly and easterly along Deer Creek Run approximately 1,850 feet to the intersection of Deer Creek Circle (entrance boulevard). The project also includes Buck Run Drive commencing at the intersection of Deer Creek Run/Deer Creek Circle and proceeding westerly approximately 210 feet to the west limit of SAD boundary, and Fox Ridge Drive commencing at the intersection of Deer Creek Run and proceeding southeasterly approximately 1,510 feet to the intersection of Deer Creek Circle, and Hunters Creek Drive commencing at the intersection of Deer Creek Circle and proceeding easterly approximately 180 feet to the east limit of SAD boundary, and Deer Creek Court commencing at the intersection of Deer Creek Circle and proceeding westerly approximately 190 feet to its point of termination, and White Tail Court commencing at the intersection of Deer Creek Circle and proceeding northerly approximately 620 feet to its point of termination.

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed:

The district limit for frontage along Deer Creek Circle, Deer Creek Run, Buck Run Drive, Fox Ridge Drive, Hunters Creek Drive, Deer Creek Court, and White Tail Court consists of Lots 1 through 102 of Deer Creek Subdivision Nos. 1 & 2, and Units 1 through 20 of Woodlands of Deer Creek Condominium Sub Plan, all located in the Southwest ¼ of Section 29, T.1S, R.8E, of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans, specifications, estimates of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of **$404,675.00**.

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Belleville - Northville

Funding for downtown authority is continued

There will be a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) in the City of Belleville for another 30 years.

Members of the city council approved an amendment continuing the tax-capture entity during a meeting earlier this month.

The approval came despite the protests and criticism of Belleville Planning Commissioner Mike Renaud, who spoke to the council members urging them not to approve the amendment as, he said, the DDA captures most of the city tax revenue and income. He said that the DDA captures much of the income and the city is unable to pay employees. He also suggested that keeping the same plan in place for another 30 years in the community would handcuff the city financially.

According to Renaud, the DDA captured $773,000 in tax money from the city this year. "The rest of the city is really struggling," he told the council members.

Carol Thompson, the coordinator of the Belleville DDA said that the organization is attempting to arrest the deterioration of the downtown. She said that more than a year went into the planning of the amendment which will remain in effect until 2046.

Renaud insisted that the DDA has not promoted development or built any new structures and that the group gives no funding to the police or fire department. He said the city has laid off most of the Department of Public Works employees due to budget cuts and the DDA captured taxes could be used to pay wages for city employees.

Mayor Kerreen Conley, who is also a member of the DDA board, said that the city would risk losing $300,000 in tax revenue if officials chose to eliminate the DDA. She said that the DDA made a large capital contribution to the city.

The amendment was approved by a unanimous vote of the city council.

Northville Township names new assistant manager

Debra Wilhelm has been named as the Assistant Northville Township Manager.

She has been with the township since July of 1993, according to a prepared statement from the office of Township Manager Chip Snider.

"Debra has a solid background in administration, organizational development and human resource management," noted Snider. "She has a reputation as a leader and motivator of others to optimum performance while creating a positive environment that assures open communication and mutual support."

Snider said that Wilhelm is experienced and occupationally trained in administration, budgeting, contractual administration and labor and community relations.

"Ms. Wilhelm is formally educated, informally mentored and has systematically completed a wide variety of projects demonstrating her ability to operate without direct supervision but under the unforgiving scrutiny of many bosses, both elected and appointed," Snider said.

Schools

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No action was taken by the board on her suggestion.

Trustee Sherry Frazier told the crowd that the district was at a "crossroads." She said that Langford-Green was not interested in the superintendent's job permanently, but agreed to "pitch-in" to help. She said that Langford-Green could give the board two weeks notice at any time and that the board could also terminate the new arrangement if it was not satisfactory.

Van Tassel was terminated by a unanimous vote of the board after a closed session preceding the public meeting. His handling of issues in the district and the morale of teachers have been the subject of public comment at meetings for several months.

Parents criticized his having five teachers removed from Savage Elementary School in full view of students following an investigation of cheating on state-mandated tests. The state Department of Education has disallowed the results of the Savage tests and Van Tassel agreed to independent interviews of students which parents said was upsetting to children. Van Tassel and the principal at Belleville High School did not notify parents last month when a freshmen student was found with a gun and ammunition at the high school, another incident which outraged many parents.

Trustee Sherry Frazier, who had been charged with assault by Van Tassel following an argument in the district offices, told the crowd, "The tragedy of what we've gone through as a district lies at this board table," to loud applause from the crowd.

Quilt show set at museum

The 20th Annual Quilt Exhibit will take place at the Belleville Area Museum during the month of March.

The show this year is sponsored by the Western Wayne County Quilt Guild and Threads 'n' Treasures of Belleville. Bed turnings are planned every Friday and Saturday. There will be a free memory quilt presentation at the museum on Friday, March 18.

The museum is located at 405 Main St. in downtown Belleville. Admission is $2.

Hours are noon until 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 3-7 p.m. Tuesdays.

For more information, call (734) 697-1944.

Maybury Farm seeking volunteer guides

The Northville Community Foundation needs volunteers to help at Maybury Farm to help teach children about farms, animals, and nature, drive tractors, help with special events, and read stories throughout the summer. Volunteer opportunities are available throughout the week and occasional help is needed on the weekends.

Anyone interested in helping at the farm is asked to contact (248) 374-0200.

CITY OF ROMULUS
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m.** on **Monday, March 21, 2016** for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Article 3, Table 3.02, Schedule of Uses, Animal/Agricultural
Article 6, Table 6.02, Schedule of Uses, Animal/Agricultural
Article 7, Table 7.02, Schedule of Uses, Animal/Agricultural
Article 8, Table 8.02, Schedule of Uses, Animal/Agricultural
Article 11, Section 11.15, Animal/Agricultural
Article 24, Definitions
Appendix A, Table of Uses by District

The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

A copy of the proposed text amendments are available in the Planning Department during regular business hours - Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Questions may be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485 or at 734-955-4530.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS
NOTICE OF *Final Statement*
FY 2016/17
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

Pursuant to federal guidelines, the Romulus City Council voted on Monday, *February 22, 2016* at 7:00 pm to adopt the following final projects for the fiscal year 2016/2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) Program. The CITY OF ROMULUS expects to receive an estimated $168,250 not including $5,000 in Program Income.

The primary objectives of the Federal HUD CDBG program are to assist low to moderate income families directly or to provide benefits in areas where 51% of the residents are low to moderate income, such as replacing the urban infrastructure of streets, improve recreational facilities and programs and assist in meeting special needs of the elderly and physically disabled.

The following projects have been adopted and will meet HUD objectives by benefiting low and moderate-income families, preserving deteriorating housing stock and enhancing parks and public facilities.

OBJECTIVES:

A. Benefitting Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Persons
B. Benefitting Low and Moderate Income Limited Clientele (LMC) Persons
C. Addressing Slums and Blight or Low and Moderate Income Housing Benefit
D. Meeting a particularly urgent community development need

FY 2016/2017 Proposed Projects

ACTIVITY		Amount:	* Objectives Met:
Senior Services/Public Services - LMC - 05A		$ 25,237	A & B
Park/Recreation Facilities-Historical Park - LMA -03F Play Structures		$ 52,588	A
Clearance, Demo, Remediation - LMA -Historical Park -04		$ 73,600	C
General Administration - 21A (10%)		$ 16,825	A
	Sub-Total	$168,250	
Housing Rehabilitation	LMH -from Program Income	$ 5,000	B & C
		$173,250	

For further information, contact the Economic Development Department, City of Romulus, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, (734) 942-7545.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
2016 BOARD OF REVIEW

To the taxpayers of the City of Romulus: The Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on the following dates and times by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll. Please come prepared, as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

March 14, 2016:	9:00 am to 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
March 15, 2016:	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
March 16, 2016:	9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Residents and Non-Residents may appeal by (1) making an appointment to appear before the Board **OR** (2) in writing (personal appearance is not required). The Board of Review MUST receive all written appeals/documentation no later than March 16, 2016 at 12:00 pm.

Property owners may appoint and authorize a representative to appear on their behalf. According to Ordinance, all Representatives or Agents MUST submit an original, notarized, current proof of authorization to act on behalf of the property owner as a prerequisite to appeal to the Board of Review.

To schedule an appointment to appeal to the March Board of Review, please call the City of Romulus Department of Assessment at 734. 942.7520.

For the purpose of addressing clerical errors, mutual mistakes of fact, poverty exemptions, veteran's exemptions, and principal residence exemptions, the Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on:

July 19, 2016:	9:30 am
December 13, 2016:	9:30 am

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

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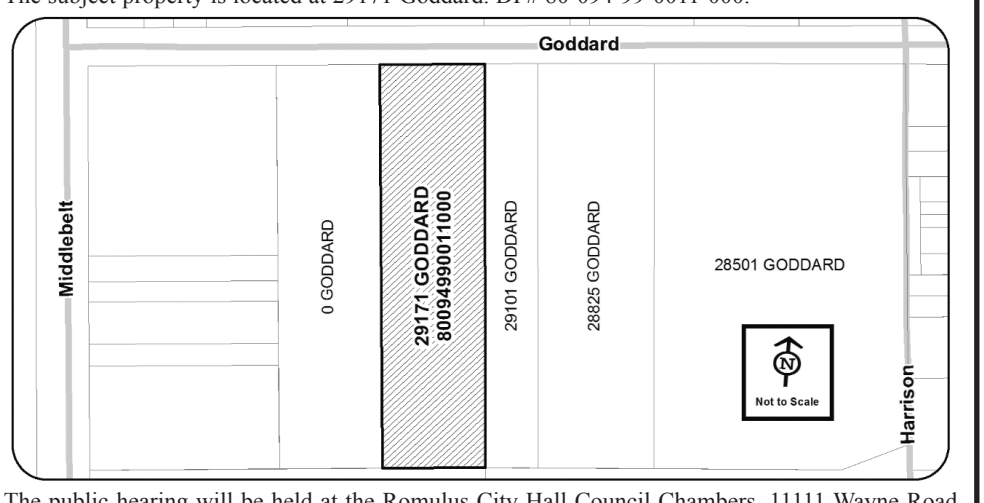
CITY OF ROMULUS
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Goddard Associates, 29171 Goddard
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2016** for the purpose of considering a special land use request for SLU-2016-001, Goddard Associates for a long-term parking lot.

The subject property is located at 29171 Goddard. DP# 80-094-99-0011-000.



The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, March 21, 2016 and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Wayne - Westland

Wayne Senior Services offering varied classes

Senior Services in Wayne is offering a series of new classes beginning this month.

All of the classes will take place at the Hype Recreation facility, 4635 Howe Road and pre-registration for the classes is required.

For more information about the classes call (734) 721-7460. Program flyers are also available in the senior display area at the recreation facility.

Matter of Balance Classes

This is a free, eight-week series planned for 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesdays, March 22 through May 10.

These sessions are offered by City of Wayne Senior Services in conjunction with The Senior Alliance. The classes teach practical strategies to reduce the fear of falling, set realistic goals for increased activity and suggest environmental changes to reduce fall risks..

Pre-registration is requested by Tuesday, March 15.

Beginners Tai Chi Class

This class is a no- impact exercise, proven to help with memory, breathing, as well as balance. No special equipment is needed. Classes will start on Tuesday, May 3 (if there is enough interest). Classes will continue for 10 weeks and the cost is $65.

Students must be pre-registered by Wednesday, April 20.

Wayne Golden Hour Club

Anyone 50 or older is eligible to join this social group that meets at 11 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month for a potluck luncheon.

Following lunch, card games and socializing takes place.

Sometimes Travelers Group

Anyone 30 years and older may join the travel group which offers day-long, overnight and extended trips by luxurious motor coach.

Membership dues are $5 per year which includes July through June.

For more information contact Senior Services Supervisor Nancy Wojewski-Noel at 734-721-7460 x1312 from 9:30-1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

New recreation director already at work

The new Westland Parks and Recreation Director began work last month, immediately following confirmation of his appointment by members of the city council during a regular meeting.

John Adams is no stranger to the city, having retired from the Westland Fire Department in 2014 where he was an assistant fire chief/fire marshal. Most recently, he had been working as the chief executive officer of the Inkster Fire Department.

In his new position, which is a one-year mayoral appointment, Adams will be paid $78,902 annually as a contract employee with no medical or pension benefits. He replaces Jessica Mistak whose appointment was not renewed by Mayor William Wild in December.

Wild told the council members during the meeting that his selection of Adams was based on the retired fire official's ability to "get things done," his education, work ethic and the $70,000 cost savings in hiring him as a contract employee.

Adams' appointment had been previously criticized by some residents who claimed that his appointment as parks and recreation director would be double-dipping as he currently collects a pension from the city. Critics also cited his lack of experience in parks and recreation administration.

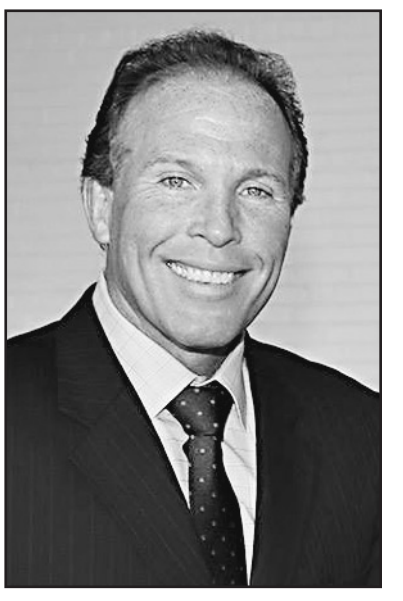
The Local Officials Compensation Commission set the salary for the parks and recreation director at $103,000 plus benefits, an increase to the city of $150,000, according to Wild. Hiring Adams on the contract basis saved the city close to $70,000 annually, the mayor said.

He said that Adams earned his pension in the fire department during his years of service and would receive it no matter if he ever worked for the city again.

Audience members Bill Campbell and Judy McKinney repeated their criticisms of the appointment, which they had voiced at a previous meeting, claiming that Adams was somehow "double dipping" into city coffers. Campbell said he was told by the city clerk's office he would have to file a Freedom of Information Act request to see the contract offered to Adams, which members of the council received the day of the meeting.

"Citizens have a right to see the contract," he said. "What are you trying to hide?"

State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, was at the meeting to support Adams' appointment. Kosowski is a retired Westland Parks and Recreation Department director who said he came specifically to support Adams' appointment to the job.



John Adams

Councilmen Kevin Coleman and Peter Herzberg cast the only no votes on Adams' confirmation.

Facade grants offered through Main Street program

Applications for Wayne Main Street Facade Incentive grants are now available at the Wayne Main Street office inside the Wayne Historical Museum, 1 Towns Square. The applications can also be downloaded at http://downtownwayne.org/business/grant/.

The grant program is available to Wayne business or building owners within the Main Street district. Grants are available on a first-come, first-funded basis. The funding cycle begins Jan. 1 with a total of $20,000 available. There is a limit of $10,000 on any single project and the grants will fund up to 50 percent of the improvements to a business façade.

The program also offers a free design service that business owners can use independently or as part of the grant program.

Wayne Main Street Executive Director Lindsey Wooten said that the grant program was created to encourage private investment in historic facades by providing financial incentives. Historically sensitive rehabilitation and dramatic improvement of facades in downtown Wayne will encourage good design that will serve as quality examples to preserve the architectural character that is distinctive to Wayne, she explained during a meeting recently.

For more information, call (734) 629-6822. The office is open from noon until 3 p.m. Wednesday and 4-7 p.m. Thursday.

Calendar of events

Cruise is raffle prize

The Michigan Philharmonic will raffle off a cruise through the Baltic Sea, Scandinavia and Russia for two.

The 11-night trip includes air fare and will take place aboard the Regal Princess of Princess Cruise Lines Aug. 4-19.

Tickets for the raffle are priced at $50 and only 400 will be sold.

The cruise will depart from Copenhagen visiting the ports of Oslo, Norway; Berlin, Germany; Tallinn, Estonia and spend two days in St. Petersburg, Russia, Helsinki, Finland and Stockholm, Sweden.

The drawing of the winning ticket will take place May 21 at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex.

The winner need not be present and will be notified May 21.

For more information contact Kate Rosevear at (734) 455-5810.

Summer Camp registration opens

Maybury Farm will offer Day Camp for Kids again this summer. Maybury Farm Day Camp is a total hands-on experience that offers a wide variety of activities that are both educational and fun-filled, according to Northville Community Foundation President Jessica Striegle. Campers will enjoy learning about farm animals including grooming, feeding and walking. Campers will take nature hikes, do crafts, play games and learn team building skills as they get to know all about farm life and the importance of farm animals in our everyday lives.

Maybury Farm Summer Day Camp is open to boys and girls ages 5-12 years old. Camp hours are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from June 21 until Aug. 18. There will be no camp the week of July 4. The cost is $60 per camper per day or $150 per week, Tuesday through Thursday. Campers can sign up for one day or join for a whole week.

To register for Day Camp, call (248)374-0200 or visit www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org. Space is limited.

Home Expo this weekend

The annual Canton Home Improvement Expo will take place from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. this Saturday, March 5 and from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday, March 6 the Summit on the Park.

Highlights include; free parking and refreshments; a live broadcast from special guest star Joe Gagnon "The Appliance Doctor" from 1600 WAAM; a hands-on children's' project center and multiple raffles throughout the weekend, including wood projects made by Canton Construction.

To view a complete list of the vendors and obtain a map of the show visit www.canton-mi.org. For more information, call the Canton Building and Inspection Services Division at (734)394-5200.

Needlecraft group to meet

The Needlecrafts group will meet at 6:30 at the Belleville Area District Library every other Thursday, March 17 and March 31.

All skill levels are welcome and the group includes knitting, crochet, embroidery, weaving and needlepoint.

The library is located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville.

For more information, call (734) 699-3291.

Tri-County Community Update set

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will host the Tri-Community Update luncheon and trade show beginning with registration at 11:30 a.m. March 9 at Wayne County Community College in Belleville.

Speakers at the event will be Sumpter Township Supervisor John Morgan, Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley and Van Buren Township Supervisor Linda Combs. Speakers are slated at noon and the trade show exhibits will be open before and after the luncheon.

Cost for the luncheon is $20 for chamber members and $25 for non-members and walk ins. The trade show fee is $20 per table for vendors.

To reserve tickets, call (734)697-7151 or visit info@bellevilleareachamber.org. Deadline for reservations and payment is March 4.

Tickets can also be purchased at the chamber office, 248 Main St. in Belleville.

Birdhouse lessons offered

A build a birdhouse family program is planned at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center from 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 5.

Participants will be supplied with all materials and tools needed to construct a birdhouse along with instructions and information about types of birds that might use the house.

It is an indoor program recommended for participants 6 and older with parental assistance.

The cost is $6 per child and $2 per adult. There is an additional material fee of $7 per family.

For pre-registration or information call (734) 261-1990.

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

Church serves chicken dinner

Willow United Methodist Church will serve a Chicken Supper from 5 p.m. until

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6. Legal Notices

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF WAYNE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO.
2016-815033-DE

Estate of Arvis V. Freimuts, Deceased
Date of birth: 08/088/1952

TO ALL CREDITORS:*

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Arvis V. Freimuts, died November 11, 2015. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Mark A. Kleist, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1305 CAYMC, Two Woodward Ave. Detroit, MI 48226 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

February 23, 2016

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Mark A Kleist
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sold out Wednesday, March 9.

Dinners, priced at $10 per person, include fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits and gravy, cole saw, dessert, coffee, hot tea and milk. Children's dinners are priced at $5 for those 12 and younger.

Carry out will be available at 4:30 p.m.

The church is located at 36925 Willow Road in New Boston.

For more information, call (734) 654-9020.

Photographers to meet

Members of the 3D photography club will meet from 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road.

The March meeting will feature a special presentation on View-Master, including rare photos inside the View Master plant and some of their best reels. After a refreshment break, there will be a drawing which will include several View-Master items, and a 3D image competition with a transportation theme.

The meetings are free to attend, and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

For more information, visit www.Detroit3D.org, or call (248) 398-3591.

Craft items are topic

As part of the Homegrown Knowledge series at the Belleville Area District Library, Carmen Stovall of Crafted Modern Handmade Boutique will speak at 7 p.m. March 10 in the Library Program Room.

The series features a local speaker on the second Thursday of the month and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The library is located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville. For more information, call (734)699-3291.

United Way fundraiser set

Granite City Food & Brewery and Plymouth Community United Way are partnering for Dine to Donate at their Northville location, 39603 Traditions Drive, Seven Mile and Haggerty roads on March 10.

Granite City will donate 10 percent of each patron's total bill to Plymouth Community United Way. Take out orders are also included. Simply print a flyer, or show the flyer on your mobile device, for the evening. Flyers can be found at www.plymouthunitedway.org, or at the Plymouth office, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2.

For more information, call Randi Williams at (734) 453-6879, ext. 7 or e-mail randi.williams@pcuw.org.

Belly dancing classes begin

Introduction to Belly Dance classes will take place from 6:15-7:15 p.m. Thursdays beginning March 10.

The dance combines light cardio with core strength and flexibility and will include lessons in hip accents, undulations and belly rolls, shimmies, and arm movements. Light choreography is involved and students will leave class having learned a dance. No previous dance experience is required.

Recommended attire includes yoga/sweatpants or shorts and fitted top. This dance is traditionally performed barefoot but students may prefer no-slip socks/slippers or jazz shoes on the wood floor.

The classes are restricted to those 15 or older and the fee for the classes is $75 or $60 for city residents.

Registration is available at the City of Plymouth - Recreation Department,525 Farmer in Plymouth.

For more information, call (734)455-6620 or access http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/recreation [http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/index.aspx?NID=21]

Ring for Carson

The Plymouth Historical Museum showcases its tremendous collection of historical clothing and artifacts in its new special exhibit, "It's a Downton Abbey Thing," which continues through June 12. The exhibit looks at the historic events highlighted in the wildly popular PBS television series "Downton Abbey," comparing and contrasting them with the same events as they developed in the United States. Characters from the drama are seen in vignettes throughout the exhibit, including Lady Mary Crawley preparing for her wedding to Matthew Crawley and Footman Thomas Barrow serving Violet, the Dowager Countess of Grantham. Admission is $5 for adults and $2 for children 6-17. The museum is located at 155 S. Main St., Plymouth, Michigan. For more information, or to schedule a group tour, call (734)455-8940.

Chamber hosts Comedy/Auction Night

A Comedy/Auction Night dinner is being planned by the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce for 6-10 p.m. Friday, March 11 at the Marriott Hotel at Detroit Metro Airport, 30559 Flynn Dr. in Romulus.

Sponsorships for the event and donations of auction items are being sought. Items such as gift baskets, artwork, sporting event tickets, concert tickets, electronic equipment and gift certificates have sold well at previous event. Cash donations are also being accepted.

For more information, or tickets, priced at $45 per person, contact Betsey J. Krampitz at (734) 893-0694.

Mayors' Ball is planned

The Mayors' Ball, hosted by Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff and Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley, is planned for 5 p.m. until midnight, Saturday March 12 at the Romulus Sheraton Hotel, 8000 Merriman Road in Romulus.

Tickets are $100 per person and the donation to the Boys and Girls Clubs in the communities will include dinner, an open bar, dancing and entertainment along with live and silent auctions.

Advance ticket purchase is required. Tickets and information are available from Rob McLachlan, (734) 578-5682 or rwmclachlan@gmail.com.

Sponsorships at various financial levels are still being sought for the event and ads in the program book are available.

The Boys and Girls Clubs are a registered 501© 3 organization.

Wayne class reunion planned

Wayne Memorial High School class 1966 - 50-year reunion is being planned for 5-10 p.m. May 13. Information and registration forms are available at www.wayne-highalumni.com regarding the dinner at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born Road in Wayne.

This year, the class of 1966 will be honored along with all those who attended Wayne High School or Wayne Memorial High School. Dress is informal.

Tickets are $30 per person until May 1 and $40 if purchased after that date.

Information and registration forms available at www.waynehighalumni.com. There will be two forms, one for the all-class reunion May 13 and one for the 1966 50th class reunion May 14.

Forms available under additional reunion heading.

Those attending both events need to submit both forms.

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